# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# MINES
# LOK SABHA

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REVIEW OF NEW NATIONAL MINERAL POLICY
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**Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether various State Governments had requested the Union Government to review the New National Mineral Policy as the proposed policy abridged the rights of the mineral producing States;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereon;

(c) whether the State Governments have also requested the Union Government to set up a task force to look into the issues raised by them, before a final decision is taken on the amendment to the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulations)Act; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION(SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) & (b): The Government received representation from some States Governments raising concerns interalia on the need to allow the State Government to give preference to value addition in grant of mineral concessions, policy on seamless transition, security of tenure, allow preferential treatment in grant of mineral concessions to PSUs, and for levy of royalty on ad valorem basis. These issues had been considered and appropriately addressed by the Government before the enunciation of National Mineral Policy, 2008.

(c) & (d): Based on the policy guidelines enunciated in the new mineral policy and consultations with a task force consisting of representatives with Governments of chief mineral producing States, the Government is deliberating amendments to the mining law.